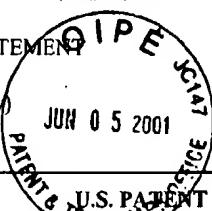


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Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,359 to HAMA et al., filed October 31, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System"; and U.S. Pat. 6,392,773 (\*)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(iii), copies of the above noted patent applications, as filed, are attached hereto.

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